

December 17, 2002

**Public Notice for 401 Certification
Petru Gully Repair Project**

Sonoma County

On July 3, 2002 the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from Mr. Michael Petru requesting approval for disturbances to waters of the state and other water quality impacts associated with the development of the proposed project.

The Petru Gully Repair project site is located at 3129 Burnside Road in Sebastopol, and will impact approximately 500 linear feet of the gully channel. The gully was created as a result of discharge from a 15-inch CMP culvert that was installed under Burnside Road in 1982. The purpose of the project is to stabilize and enhance the gully, which has become deeper and wider with each successive winter season. According to the proposal, rock will be placed in the gully to reduce water velocity and to stabilize the bed and banks. Turf Reinforced Mat will be used in areas where water velocity and shear stress is not high. Once the gully has rocked and matted, approximately 171 native trees and shrubs will be planted in the project area. Construction will take place only when the gully is dry.

The disposition of California Environmental Quality Act compliance has not been determined at this time. The project proponent has applied for a California Department of Fish and Game 1603 Streambed Alteration Agreement and a United States Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit Number 13.

At this time the Regional Water Board is in the process of reviewing the proposed project regarding the issuance of the 401 Certification Permit. The Regional Water Board will consider all comments pertaining to this project which are received during a 21-day comment period that begins on the first date of issuance of this letter. If you have any questions or comments, please contact staff member Lauren Hocker by email at hockl@rb1.swrcb.ca.gov, or send comments to the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, CA 95403.

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